

NEED OF GOLF COURSE, FAIR AND COMPLETION OF HIGHWAY DISCUSSED

Enthusiastic Meeting Board of Trade Held Tuesday Night—Secretary Talks—Membership Rates Changed.

A very enthusiastic and well attended meeting of the Hendersonville Board of Trade was held at the city hall Tuesday night. Various topics were discussed and some changes were made in the rates to be paid by the different classes of membership.

The members listened to an address by C. P. Robertson, of Leaksville, who spoke with reference to establishing a fair association in this city, the idea being to hold a fair here next fall and to use the grounds for various kinds of amusements. A committee was appointed to meet and confer further with Mr. Robertson with the hope that something definite might be accomplished.

Following a short address by Dr. L. B. Morse a committee was appointed to co-operate with the Doctor in an effort to have the magnificent Mt. Hebron-Jump Off scenic highway completed in time for it to be used by the summer tourists next summer.

Membership Rates.
The board voted in favor of slightly changing the different classes of membership, the new rates being \$5, \$10 and \$15 per annum to be collected quarterly in advance.

A very strong talk was made by E. W. Ewbank to the effect that in the past "a few good men have been wearing the harness and drawing the load, and the majority seemed only anxious to jump on and ride." Various suggestions were made and steps will be taken to see if every merchant and every citizen cannot be made to realize his duties and responsibilities in the upbuilding and welfare of Hendersonville.

Cotton Mills.
The necessity and possibility of inducing cotton mills to come to Hendersonville was discussed by C. F. Bland and E. W. Ewbank. It was brought out that statements have been made by prominent men in this state in recent interviews indicating their desire to establish cotton mills in and near Hendersonville.

Golf Course Discussed.
There was much discussion regarding the feasibility and advantages of opening a golf course in Hendersonville. Attention was called to the fact that investment in land for this purpose was not a wild cat scheme and in no way a subscription or donation. Today in town one man may buy five acres of land purely as an investment and hold "for five years, another man does the same with 50 acres, and still another man with 100 acres. Perhaps at the end of five years they have done nothing towards improving or increasing the value of their holdings. How much better would it be for these three men to combine and buy the property in one tract and open up a golf course. If they gave the use of this land free of all charge, as a result of the improvements that would have to be made, this land would be bound to have increased in value five times as much as the individual holdings that were not improved.

Statement by Secretary.
In an interview with A. S. Truex, acting secretary and treasurer of the Board of Trade, Mr. Truex said:
"The Board of Trade and the city of Hendersonville are one and the same. The Board of Trade was not established and will not be conducted for the purpose of individual gain or profit to any one man or party. Hendersonville needs the support of every citizen, especially the support of every merchant and business man, but no more so than the merchant or business man needs the support of Hendersonville."

"We are determined to let the citizens know just who the men are who come in this Board of Trade and work for the good of the town. Those of us who are not broad-minded enough or are too selfish to come into our organization will soon be known. It should be obvious that the Board of Trade properly conducted cannot be expected to directly benefit anyone, but will indirectly be a benefit to all. The best and the widest publicity will be given as to the names of the members of the Board of Trade."

REGULAR MONTHLY TEACHERS' MEETING HERE SATURDAY.

The Henderson County Teachers' Association will hold its regular monthly meeting in the graded school building on Saturday, December 9. Miss Lucy Ellen Osborne will lead the discussion in "Number Work" and Miss Lois Edwards in "Story Telling."

T. FFW SHIPMAN, Pres.
GUSSE DOTSON, Sec.

ENTERS BROKERAGE BUSINESS.

William Lott, one of Hendersonville's leading business men is considering entering the real estate business and has already leased offices in the Holmes building over the Tip Top grocery store. Mr. Lott owns considerable property in the county and for a number of years was actively identified with the business inter-

FASSIFERN AGAIN ON ACCREDITED LIST SCHOOLS

Now Eighteen Schools in North Carolina on This List, Including Fassifern and Fleet.

Miss Kate C. Shipp has been notified by Prof. N. W. Walker, chairman of the state committee, that at the recent meeting of the Commission on Accredited Schools, held at Durham, Fassifern was again placed on the accredited list.

Fassifern has been on the accredited list since 1913 and is also accredited by the following colleges not belonging to the Southern Association: Smith, Wellesley, Goucher, Lake Erie. Fassifern has accepted students at all of these except Wellesley, and is the only school in North Carolina whose certificate is accepted by the Northern colleges.

There are now eighteen schools in North Carolina accredited by the Southern Association. Of these, ten are private and eight are public schools. Those in this section are as follows:

Asheville high school public.
Bingham, Asheville, school for boys.
St. Genevieve, Asheville, private.
Fleet School, Flat Rock, private.
Fassifern, Hendersonville, private.

DEATH OF BABY.

Zirconia, Dec. 6.—The 17-months-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jones of Hendersonville, was buried at Mt. Olivet cemetery Sunday. We were all very sorry to hear of the parents' bereavement in the loss of the darling of their home. They have the sincere sympathy of the entire community.

Misses Una and Anna Capps of the Pleasant Hill section, visited relatives at Mt. Olivet Sunday.

Sherman C. Ward visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ward, Sunday.

VACANCY IN CITY COUNCIL.

The resignation of R. C. Clarke as a member of the city council has caused a vacancy in that body and his successor will be chosen at an early date, probably tonight. Another vacancy will occur soon when Brown-Jackson will resign in order to take his seat in the lower house of the North Carolina general assembly. A successor to Mr. Clarke will have to be chosen before Mr. Jackson resigns in order that the council may have a quorum at the meetings, the absence of Mr. Forrest, a member of the council, in Florida making this necessary.

PROMPT PAYMENT OF INSURANCE TO MRS. MCCARSON.

Within four days after the death of the late J. W. McCarson his widow was handed a check for \$1,000 from the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance company, payable to herself.

The Jefferson Standard is a North Carolina insurance company and is represented here by M. A. Walden. Mrs. McCarson had been carrying this insurance less than one year, yet this widow received the full face value of the policy.

Miss Lola Long, of Greensboro, state president of the Philathea Union, who spoke here this fall at the Barcap-Philathea district meeting, was painfully injured at her home last week when she was struck by an automobile of the Greensboro police department. Miss Long is very pleasantly remembered here and her friends wish for her a speedy recovery from her injuries, which, though painful, are said to not be serious.

A case that attracted considerable interest at Brevard last week in the Transylvania superior court was the habeas corpus hearing in the case of State vs. Everett Reese, charged with assaulting a young girl. After hearing the evidence Judge Shaw allowed the defendant to give a \$400 bond for his appearance at the Henderson county court the crime having taken place in Henderson county.

The entertainment by the students of the Hendersonville graded school, which was given in the city auditorium last Tuesday night, will be repeated in the auditorium of the graded school tonight. The school is, by means of this entertainment, trying to raise money to finish paying for their piano.

Joe Jackson, aged about 28, former resident of this city, and a son of David Jackson, died Sunday in Asheville and was buried at Mud Creek church near here Tuesday, funeral services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Bowman of Asheville. Deceased is survived by a wife and small child.

DEATH FRIDAY OF MRS. J. B. STEEDMAN

Esteemed Christian Woman Passed Away—Body Taken to Camden, S. C. for Burial.

Mrs. J. B. Steedman, esteemed Christian woman of Hendersonville, died at her home in this city last Friday morning about 7 o'clock in the 68th year of her age, following an illness of about two weeks.

Following a short funeral service held from her home at two o'clock Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. R. N. Wilcox, rector of St. James Episcopal church, the body was carried to Camden, S. C., for burial Saturday. The funeral services at Camden were conducted by Mrs. Steedman's former pastor. She was a consecrated member of the Presbyterian church. The remains were accompanied to Camden by Mrs. Hattie Steedman, daughter-in-law of the deceased, and Yeardley McDowell, a brother.

The deceased is survived by one daughter, Miss Bessie Steedman, principal of the Hendersonville high school. Miss Steedman was prevented from attending the funeral on account of illness, and she is now in a hospital at Asheville for an operation.

Miss Steedman's many friends in the city deeply sympathize with her in her affliction and the loss of a kind and loving mother. It is hoped that she may soon be restored to health again.

ATTENDING MEETING OVERLAND DEALERS.

J. Mack Rhodes and W. S. Miller are in Cleveland, Ohio, attending a meeting of Overland dealers from all parts of the country. One of the features of the meeting will be a big banquet. Messrs. Rhodes and Miller expect to be away a week.

New County Officers Were Sworn in Monday

The new county board of commissioners after taking the oath of office Monday organized by electing John T. Staton, chairman, and spent two busy days familiarizing themselves with the work, granting claims against the county, etc. The other members of the board are Jackson F. Stepp and Sidney J. Whitaker. Mr. Staton was re-elected, while Messrs. Stepp and Whitaker are new members.

Monday was a busy day at the court house. All county and township officers took the oath of office and where a bond was required, they were filed. M. Allard Case succeeded J. C. Drake as sheriff; A. O. Jones succeeded himself as register of deeds and W. F. Brown was sworn in to succeed himself as county treasurer and tax collector.

The new surveyor is Henry Revis, who succeeded J. B. Patterson, and Dr. B. F. Cliff succeeded Dr. T. W. Sumner as coroner.

Immediately after the officers had been sworn in the county commissioners met and organized and got down to business, which was mostly of a routine nature. With one old member on the board it was not difficult for the work to begin and everything moved off smoothly.

MATTERS OF RECORD.

Deeds Executed Seventeen Years Ago Among Those Recently Filed for Registration.

A deed made December 20, 1899, by W. A. Smith to A. A. Henderson for the C. M. Woodfin lands on Boileston creek in Mills River township, was filed for registration with the register of deeds Monday. The tract contains 100 acres.

Other deeds recorded during the past week are as follows:

T. M. Israel to A. G. McIlhenny, for \$10 and other valuable considerations, lot on Crab street, city.

Reuben Hill to James T. Staton, for \$300, 73 acres in Blue Ridge township.

James Shepherd and W. C. Shepherd to Z. V. Kilpatrick, for \$150, property in Hendersonville.

J. G. Glover to J. S. Patterson, for \$700, lot on Flat Rock road.

Mary Dunlap, J. S. Stroup, Mrs. C. D. Stroup and Hal M. Dunlap, to C. L. Lackey, for \$404, 27 acres in Hoopers creek township.

J. R. Wright to J. C. Wright, for \$10 and other valuable considerations, 4 1/4 acres in Hendersonville township.

W. F. Jones to Z. Z. Blythe, for \$700, 11 1/4 acres in Hendersonville township.

MRS. MILLER WILL KEEP BABY LEFT WITH HER

Had Numerous Requests for Child From People Who Were Willing To Give It a Home.

Mrs. W. L. Miller has asked the Hustler to state for her that she has decided to keep the bright baby boy left with her in Williams' store here Saturday a week ago by a young woman supposed to be the child's mother. She has become very much attached to the youngster and has never entertained any thought of giving him up. She intends to keep him and raise him up to manhood in her own kind, motherly way. Since the story has been published telling of Mrs. Miller's strange acquisition of the baby, whose name according to a note left with him, is Alfred Lee Ray, she has been flooded with inquiries and requests for the child. One lady in the eastern part of this State requested that the child be bundled up and sent to her in care of the train conductor, while another lady living in South Carolina, being more considerate of the child, stated that if Mrs. Miller was willing to give the child up she would come after him personally.

So it is that the baby has found a home and a good home at that. The woman supposed to be the child's mother chose wisely and it is good for all concerned that Mrs. Miller is to be the one to raise him up to manhood.

Another chapter of life full of human interest has been written and the Hustler knows, that whatever may have been the motive the mother had for abandoning the child, she left it in good care, and hopes that if she has done wrong in the past, this episode in her life may be the means of her doing good hereafter.

Congress opened for the short session Monday.

Thanksgiving Marred by a Fatal Accident

Munroe McCrary, aged about 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. McCrary, who live near Kanuga Lake, was accidentally killed while out hunting last Thursday afternoon in company with another boy.

A rabbit had been treed in a log and the boys were trying to scare it out when in some manner McCrary's gun was discharged, blowing the top of his head off and death resulted instantly. The unfortunate youth was holding the muzzle of the shot gun in both hands with it pointing towards his head when it is thought the hammer became engaged with some knot or limb on the log causing it to go off. He fell backwards and when his companion rushed to him the gun was still grasped in his hands.

Dr. J. S. Brown was called from Hendersonville but when he arrived the body was already cold in death. The accident cast a gloom over the community. The boy was well known and very popular in his community, and the bereaved parents have the sympathy of their many friends.

LOCAL HELP ASKED IN INVESTIGATING FOOD PRICES.

Rumors that Pittsburg, Pa., is being made a dumping ground for food supplies is being investigated by the Chamber of Commerce of that city and A. S. Truex, acting secretary and treasurer of the Hendersonville Board of Trade is in receipt of a communication inviting all shippers of farm products, in all producing territories, to forward to them any information which would be of assistance in refuting or establishing the charges.

Statements have been made that food supplies are allowed to decay and dumped in Pittsburg with the object of holding up prices to consumers, and owing to the widespread interest in the subject the chamber has agreed to make an investigation.

If there are any persons in this section who have been shipping food supplies to Pittsburg, they are invited to communicate with F. Marshall, secretary, Keenan Building, Liberty avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.

REV. MR. WALKER PREACHED HERE SUNDAY.

Rev. J. R. Walker, president of Weaver college, Weaverville, preached at the First Methodist church here Sunday morning and delivered a short talk to the Sunday school immediately preceding the regular preaching hour. Rev. W. F. Womble, pastor of the church, was away on a two weeks' vacation, visiting relatives.

A new class of young men has been organized in the Sunday school of the Methodist church known as the Young Men's Fellowship class with C. B. Bland as teacher. The class has an initial enrollment of ten members.

Lawrence Pace, a student at the University of North Carolina, who spent Thanksgiving here with his father, addressed the Baptist Young People's Union of the East Hendersonville Baptist church last Friday evening. The meeting was well attended and Mr. Pace's address was highly enjoyed.

WILL RECLAIM FIFTEEN HUNDRED ACRES RICH LAND ON MUD CREEK

WORK PROGRESSING ON BAT CAVE BRIDGE

Completion of Structure Will be Welcomed by Hendersonville Merchants—Wooden Construction.

Henderson county will be the first county to finish a complete good road into the Bat Cave Chimney Rock section since the flood when the new bridge over Rocky Broad river is completed. Joe Holbert with a crew of men is busily engaged in building granite abutments and a wooden bridge which it is said will be covered with a roof to protect the suspensions from the weather. The high cost of steel is causing the county authorities to build wooden bridges over Green river and French Broad river where ever the flood washed away a steel bridge.

The completion of the Bat Cave bridge will be welcomed by the local merchants who are planning to furnish the trade of this section for Christmas.

It is said that one automobile has succeeded in reaching Bat Cave from Asheville over the state highway and it is known that the Asheville business men are urging the completion of that route. Hendersonville was the only outlet of this country for several months after the flood. The citizens of that section have grown accustomed to trading in Hendersonville and no doubt will continue to make this their trading center.

THE COLORED RURAL SCHOOL.

One of the most progressive communities in the State is Flat Rock. It is three miles east of Hendersonville on the Southern Railway, on the very summit of the "Blue Ridge."

Our people in this community are above the average in intelligence and moral worth. They are self-respecting, law abiding people. There are thirty-six families of color in Flat Rock, all own homes that would do credit to any community. Many of these homes are homes of culture and refinement. As an evidence of the progressive spirit of the colored people of Flat Rock I submit the following statistics: Last year these people raised 5,000 pounds of meat, 662 bushels of corn, 300 bushels of potatoes, 6,000 cans of fruits and vegetables. The canning establishment is owned by H. S. Simmons. Our people in this immediate section own 455 acres of land. They are very much interested in education and are friendly towards every good cause.

The public school has been in session but a few weeks. In that time we have raised enough money to purchase a library, shades and curtains for the rooms. We had 36 articles on exhibition at the colored fair at Asheville last week all of which were hand made. None of the exhibits surpassed those of our girls club of which Miss Bettie Darity is president. The schools of Henderson County carried off the honors.

The public school is in charge of the writer, assisted by Miss Ophelia Lynn. The fair was held in Asheville, 23rd and 24th inst.

B. M. SWEPSON.

PREACHES SPECIAL SERMON TO LOCAL ODD FELLOWS.

Rev. K. W. Cawthon preached a special sermon to the Odd Fellows of Hendersonville at the First Baptist church Sunday morning, his subject being "Go and Do." Sunday night he began a series of special Sunday night meetings, the introductory sermon being on "What is a Christian."

Special sermons by Mr. Cawthon for the rest of the month of December have been announced as follows:

Sunday, December 10—Morning, sermon to Masons, subject "Hewing and Building;" night "There was Light."

Sunday, December 17—Morning, "The Christian Knight;" night, "The Tree of Life."

Sunday, December 24—Morning, special sermon to the Woodmen of the World, subject, "Growth and How to Grow;" night, "Joint Heirs With Christ."

Sunday, December 31—Morning, New Year's Message; night, New Year's Message.

The morning services are at 11 o'clock and the night services begin at 7:45. Everybody cordially invited.

"MOUNTAIN BOOMERS" HAVE ORGANIZED AT TRINITY.

At a recent reorganization of the "Mountain Boomers" club at Trinity College, Durham, Edwin Burge of Hendersonville was elected treasurer. Other officers are W. S. Elias of Asheville president; R. H. Shelton of Asheville, vice-president; R. P. Wycho of Waynesville secretary. The club is composed of students of Trinity who are from the western part of North Carolina, and has a membership of about 40.

Work of Draining Mud Creek Bottoms Expected to Begin at an Early Date.

The work of draining Mud Creek valley will within all probability begin shortly as the necessary \$15,000 worth of bonds have been sold at par and the money is expected any day.

It is generally understood that Z. Z. Blythe has been awarded the contract for the dredging work and he is ready to give bond for the faithful performance of his duty.

The preliminary steps for this drainage were taken two years ago when a bill was passed by the legislature permitting bonds to be issued by the property owners along the valley of Mud Creek for this purpose. Out of the fifty-four property owners in the district all but two of them signed the petition for the extra tax. Major Barker, who owns over one half of the drainage, and will necessarily have to pay over one half of the costs is enthusiastic over the work. The lowering of the bed of the creek will greatly enhance the value of his lands, along with the others.

The uncertain condition of the creek during flood times, or even after hard rains has for many years been a source of annoyance and also damage to those living near same. This has kept Mud creek bottoms from producing good crops every year and has caused a vast area of valuable agricultural land to be practically worthless. Hundreds of acres of this valley are within the city limits of Hendersonville.

When the property is well drained, the creek bed lowered to its proper depth and dikes built as a further preventive of the creek ever flooding out of its banks, it is predicted that East and South Hendersonville will be developed into beautiful residential sections.

Over in the Barker lands, within the city limits, across the creek, are valuable building sites. The Flat Rock drive is now being greatly improved by the city authorities. A water line of a permanent kind, and a sewerage system are being installed.

Of course the greatest benefit to be derived from the drainage is the reclaiming of fifteen hundred acres of the most valuable farming land in the county. This land is composed of very rich soil and when free from floods will be made to produce enough corn to supply Hendersonville, it is said.

Arrangements have been made with the county commissioners and township supervisors to use the mammoth dredging machine owned by the county. This machine was purchased several years ago at a cost of about \$5,000 and has been extensively used in securing sand for the newly graded roads. The county will continue to use the sand from the creek and will simply loan the machine to the drainage commission.

A great deal of the credit of securing this reclaiming project should be given W. C. Jordan, one of the land owners, in the district. He has given much of his time and energy to promoting the scheme and his untiring efforts have resulted in selling the bonds at par. It took several months, says Mr. Jordan, to land the sale of the bonds. There were offers from a number of bonding concerns for less than par but Mr. Jordan was persistent in his efforts and soon located the right concern.

Mr. Jordan thinks that the drainage will be one of the greatest assets of the county and in time will be felt by the entire county as a great lift in the resources of the community.

PRESBYTERIAN PHILATHEAS ELECT NEW OFFICERS.

The Philathea class of the Presbyterian church held a business meeting with Miss Peden, last Monday evening. The following officers were elected President, Miss Mary Duff; vice president, Miss Grace Sample; secretary and treasurer, Miss Anna Sample; teacher, Mrs. Alexander; secret service, Miss Peden; reporter, Miss Jean Drake.

Refreshments were served and every one enjoyed the evening. Those present were Mrs. Carpenter, Misses Peden, Grace and Anna Sample, Mary Duff, Nan Whitaker, Jean Drake and two of the Junior Philatheas, Mary Drake and Denholm Reed.

MR. WHITAKER RECOVERING.

Prominent Business Man of Hendersonville Underwent Serious Operation in Atlanta.

The many friends of Chas. R. Whitaker will be glad to learn that he is rapidly improving from the serious operation he underwent recently in Atlanta. He is one of Hendersonville's foremost business men and has scores of friends who wish him a speedy recovery. Mr. Whitaker is president and principal owner of the Hendersonville Ice and Fuel company.

True love, in the poet, is expressed in soul kisses, and by his inability to do any work for days at a time.